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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows: amend claims 1, 2, 11 and 12; cancel claims 3-10 and 13-27; and add new claims 28-31.

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a request to access a target computer from a remote computer at a central computer system, wherein the target computer includes a desktop;

determining whether the remote computer has permission to access the target computer;

and allowing enabling the remote computer to access control the desktop of the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access control the desktop of the target computer.;

wherein determining comprises:

accessing a stored telephone number from the target computer;

dialing the telephone number to call a user at the remote computer;

receiving at the central computer system a numeric identification code from the user;

comparing the numeric identification code to a stored numeric identification code; and

allowing the remote computer to access the target computer if the received numeric identification code matches the stored identification code.

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2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the remote computer to ~~access all of the~~ specify accessible applications that are located on the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.

3-10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A computer system including:

~~one or more computers;~~

a first computer and a second computer, each including a desktop;

a central server computer system communicatively accessible by the first and second computers, wherein the central server computer system is configured to enable a computer to share control of a desktop of another computer via a global computer network and is further configured to determine whether the computer has permission to share control of a desktop of the another computer;

a first computer program installed on the first computer and configured to send a request to the central server computer system to access and control the desktop of the second computer and further configured to enable the first computer to access and control the desktop of the second computer; and

a second computer program installed on the second computer and configured to receive a request from the central server computer system to access and control the desktop of the second computer and further configured to enable the first computer to access and control the desktop of the second computer.

~~and one or more computer programs, the one or more computer programs comprising computer instructions for:~~

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~~receiving a request to access a target computer from a remote computer at a central computer system;~~

~~determining whether the remote computer has permission to access the target computer;~~

~~and allowing the remote computer to access the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer~~

wherein determining comprises:

~~accessing a stored telephone number from the target computer;~~

~~dialing the telephone number to call a user at the remote computer;~~

~~receiving at the central computer system a numeric identification code from the user;~~

~~comparing the numeric identification code to a stored numeric identification code; and~~

~~allowing the remote computer to access the target computer if the received numeric identification code matches the stored identification code.~~

12. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 11 wherein the ~~one or more computer programs farther~~ first and second computer programs comprise computer instructions for: allowing the ~~remote~~ first computer to access ~~all of the~~ specify accessible applications that are located on the ~~target~~ second computer if the ~~remote~~ first computer has permission to access the ~~target~~ second computer.

13-27. (cancelled)

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28. (new) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the first and second computer programs are remote access programs.

29. (new) The computer system of claim 28, wherein the remote access programs are downloaded from the central server computer system.

30. (new) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the central server computer system includes a web server.

31. (new) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the first and second computer programs are software plug-ins downloadable from a website.